subject, the responsibility of maintenance etc. of the tanks primarily rests with the concerned State Government.

(b) During the last 3 years, following 6 tanks were disused due to expansion of cities and siltation.

Sl. No.	Name of the Tank	District
1.	Madanahalli Tank in Gowribidanur Taluk	Kolar
2.	Devanur Tank	Mysore
3.	Agara Tank	Bangalore(U)
4.	Jakkeri Honda Tank	Belgaum
5.	Mudenur Tank	Belgaum
6.	Bijagutti Tank	Belgaum

(c) The Government of Karnataka is taking steps to improve the tanks with the involvement of Water User's Societies and subsequent handing over to them for maintenance. Tank improvement schemes are being envisaged separately for individual tanks.

Irrigation relations between Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra

2519. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government play any role in inter-State joint venture for irrigation project;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken to encourage and boost the irrigation relation between Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra who have decided to implement Lendi Project?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a) and (b) The concerned State Governments themselves discuss and finalise Inter-State Irrigation Projects as a joint venture. The Union Government when requested by the State Governments acts as a facilitator to

expedite implementation of the Project agreement or as an arbitrator in case of dispute on water sharing or cost sharing.

(c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that while some broad parameters of the scope and sharing of cost benefit of the Lendi Project has been agreed with the Government of Maharashtra, Inter-State agreement has not yet been concluded.

Lift Irrigation Scheme below Ichampalli Project

2520. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested for declaring Ichampalli Project as a national project;

(b) if so, when such a request was received in the Ministry of Water Resources;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted a Project Report for a lift irrigation scheme below the Ichampalli Project;

(d) if so, when such a request was received in the Ministry of Water Resources; and

(e) the steps so far contemplated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh wrote to the Prime Minister on 28.6.1999 and again on 22.1.2001 requesting for treating the Inchampalli and Polavaram Projects as National Projects. There is no proposal to treat any such Irrigation/Multipurpose projects as National Projects. The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh was informed accordingly by the Minister (Water Resources) on 20.2.2001.

(c) and (d) The Government of Andhra Pradesh have on 29.5.2001 submitted a pre feasibility report of the Godavari Lift Irrigation Scheme envisaging construction of a lift scheme 16 km. below Inchampalli on Godavari to lift 50 TMC and irrigate about 200 th. ha. in the districts of Karimnagar, Warangal, Nalgonda & Medak in